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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TECH IN  
SUBJECT: RAJYA SABHA DEBATE ON INDIAN NUCLEAR POLICY

1. ACTING DCM AND POL/COUNS CALLED ON JOINT SECRETARIES  
MADHAVAN AND ASRANI (WHO HAS NOW OFFICIALLY REPLACED  
MADHAVAN IN AMERICAS SECTION, MEA) TO DISCUSS PUBLISHED  
REPORTS ON YESTERDAY'S FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE IN THE  
RAJYA SABHA, PARTICULARLY RESPONSES GIVEN BY THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER TO QUESTIONS ON  
INDIAN NUCLEAR POLICY. (SEE SEPTTEL)

2. ASRANI READ PERTINENT PASSAGES FROM THE OFFICIAL  
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TRANSCRIPT AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT NONE OF THE  
RESPONSES REPRESENTED ANY VARIANCE WITH POSITIONS  
TAKEN BY THE GOI IN THE PAST ON NUCLEAR MATTERS.

3. DURING THE DISCUSSION A/DCM WAS CALLED INTO  
OFFICE OF FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGAT MEHTA. MEHTA WISHED TO  
MAKE CLEAR THAT STATEMENTS MADE YESTERDAY IN THE RAJYA

SABHA IN NO WAY WERE MODIFICATIONS IN POLICY OR IN THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY INDIA DURING THE RECENT NYE VISIT. RESPONSES SHOULD BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF A PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE MUCH LIKE COMMENTS MADE AT SENATE HEARINGS IN THE US.

4. MEHTA SAID RESPONSES WERE IN LINE WITH INDIAN POSITIONS TAKEN WITH NYE, I. E. THAT INDIA WAS NOT YET PREPARED FOR FULL SCOPE SAFEGURDS; AND THAT THE PM BELIEVED THAT PNE'S WERE NOT NECESSARY. IT PNE'S WERE TO BE UNDERTAKEN THERE WOULD BE CONSULTATIONS BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN A VETO OVER SUCH DECISIONS SHOULD INDIA DECIDE TO MAKE THEM.

5. COMMENT: WHILE MADHAVAN AND ASRANI APPEARED TO BE GIVING THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE REMARKS MADE IN THE RAJYA SABHA, ( AND ADMITTED THEY HAD NOT BEEN IN TOCY WITH HIGHER AUTHORITY), THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WAS UNEQUIVOCAL IN HIS STATEMENTS. HE EMPHASIZED THIS BY CALLING IN MADHAVAN AND REPEATING THAT YESTERDAY'S RESPONSES DID NOT REPRESENT ANY CHANGE IN GOI POSITIONS AND THAT GOI CONTINUED ITS INTEREST IN RESUMING TALKS ON NUCLEAR MATTERS AS INDICATED TO NYE DURING HIS VISIT HERE.

6. MEHTA SEEMED ESPECIALLY ANXIOUS THAT WASHINGTON BE CONFIDENTIAL

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MADE AWARE OF THE POINTS HE MADE BEFORE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THE RAJYA SABHA DEBATE REACHED THERE.  
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